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Tells of Former Capture by Reds

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Mrs. Eleanor Lansing Dulles, sister of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, revealed for the first time yesterday that she was held by Vienna Communists for four hours some years ago.

Mrs. Dulles, who is in charge of Berlin activities in the State Department's office of German affairs, told of the escape in a television interview with Rep. Harold C. Ostertag (R-N. Y.)

Ostertag himself was detained for four hours of questioning by the Red police in East Berlin last Nov. 27.

Mrs. Dulles described her seizure to Ostertag as follows: "I was picked up by the Soviet military and held for about the same time that you were held and questioned. I had gone out for a Sunday picnic, and they held me and asked me a great many questions, and then they decided, as they did in your case, that it wasn't wise to hold Americans."

She said the incident occurred after World War II while she was United States Financial Attache in Vienna.

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